# KANSAS STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

The Kansas State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) offers eligible health care providers an opportunity to receive assistance with the repayment of their qualifying educational loans in exchange for a minimum two-year commitment to provide health care services at an eligible practice site in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). The SLRP is jointly funded by the State of Kansas and the National Health Service Corps.

Providers must agree to work in the approved ambulatory out-patient setting for two years and will receive up to \$25,000 (physicians or dentists)/\$20,000 (all other providers) per year of service commitment. After successful completion of the initial service obligation, health care providers may apply to extend their contracts in one-year increments up to three years to continue receiving loan repayment assistance.

The SLRP awards are made annually through a competitive process. For more information about the application process please visit the SLRP webpage at www.kdheks.gov/olrh/FundLoan.html.

## **ELIGIBLE MEDICAL PROFESSIONS...**

### **Medical Provider**

Specialties: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Geriatrics, Mental Health Allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians (MD, DO) Nurse Practitioners (NP) Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) Physician Assistants (PA)

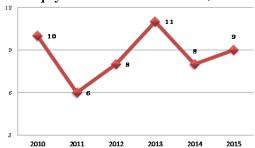
### **Dental Provider**

Specialties: Family-General, Pediatric, Geriatric Doctors of Dental Surgery (DDS) Doctors of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD) Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH)

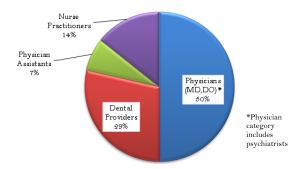
## Mental and Behavioral Health Provider

Health Service Psychologists (HSP) Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT) Psychiatric Nurse Specialists (PNS)

## State Loan Repayment Contracts Awarded, 2010-2015



### 2014 State Loan Repayment Awardees by Discipline



## PROVIDER & PRACTICE SITE ELIGIBILTY ...

- Provider must have a current permanent Kansas license to practice and commit to provide health care services at an ambulatory public or nonprofit private entity.
- Provider must be a U.S. citizen or national. Award preference is given to providers that are Kansas residents.
- Applicant must be employed or will be employed at an approved practice site full time within 90 days of award.
- Approved practice site must be a non-profit or public entity and located in a Kansas federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in the appropriate discipline of the health care provider's licensure. Preference is given to practices sites in areas with a HPSA score of 13 or below, and to providers working in areas with a HPSA score of 14 or above who have applied for the National Health Service Corps but were not accepted.
- Practice site and provider must provide services to individuals regardless of their insurance type or ability to pay and must accept assignment under Medicare and Medicaid. Practice site and provider must charge for services at the usual and customary rates prevailing in the areas in which such services are provided. If someone is unable to pay such charge, the patient shall be charged at a discounted sliding fee or not charged any fee.
- Practice site must have a written nondiscrimination policy and provide services in a culturally and linguistically appropriate fashion responsive to the needs of the area's general population.



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